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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 29, 2008. Applicant believes that claims 13 and 18 are sufficiently broad to read on all the groups and species identified by the Examiner, and respectfully traverses the restriction requirement.

Should the restriction be maintained, Applicant elects for Prosecution GROUP III, Claims 18-20, without prejudice. With respect to species, Applicant elects Species A, without prejudice.